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GERMANY UNYIELDING; LUSITANIA CRISIS BECOMES ACUTE

MIDDLE WEST IS LIKELY TO DOWN BIG ARMY PLANS

Former Congressman Garber
of Ohio Tells of Attitude
of Inlanders

GIVE UP PHILIPPINES AND MOVE TROOPS HERE

One Time Member of House
Naval Committee, Now Here,
Favors Big Fleet for Hawaii

"President Wilson's plan to make the navy of the United States the most powerful in the world will have the support of the mainland voters, almost to a man, but the plan for a large standing army will be opposed, and probably defeated, by the inland states—the great Middle West."

That is the opinion of Harvey C. Garber, of Columbus, Ohio, former congressman from that state who, with Chris E. Markey of Los Angeles, is now visiting in Honolulu. Mr. Garber returns to the mainland in the Matsonia next week, but Mr. Markey may locate here. Mr. Markey was Mr. Garber's private secretary when the latter was in Congress.

"People of the interior states do not favor a large standing army," continued Mr. Garber, "though they see the need of a powerful navy."

"For my own part, I approve a great strengthening of the defenses of Oahu, Porto Rico and all our other islands, except the Philippines, and a great increase in coast defenses on the Atlantic, the Pacific and on the Gulf of Mexico."

Too Far From Bases.

"The Philippines, I think, we should relinquish at an early date. We do not want to keep them, and in the event of war we would inevitably lose them, for they are too far from our bases."

"For my part I would not be averse to seeing Japan control those islands, or at least direct their policy, because they are contiguous to Japan on the south and Philippine problems are more like those of Japan than they are like those of any other nation."

"We undoubtedly need a much larger army, and it is unfortunate that the wealthy Middle West, which furnishes much of the wealth of the nation and from the density of its population would furnish most of the men, is opposed to an adequate force."

"In my mind that is another argument for giving up the Philippines. I think it would be wise to bring all of the army now in those islands to this territory, thereby greatly increasing the garrison of this island."

"I should also favor having at least one regiment of regulars on each of the other islands of this group. A big increase of your coast defenses here also is essential, as is a powerful unit of the navy, in order to keep you from possible hostile attack."

Mr. Garber, who was formerly a member of the house naval affairs committee, is here merely for pleasure, but is intensely interested in all

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LOWEST FIGURES FROM COAST MAN FOR MANOA JOB

F. R. Ritchie of San Francisco
Will Complete Paving Pro-
ject for \$187,633.31

Bidding lower by approximately \$15,000 than the estimate submitted by the city and county engineering department, F. R. Ritchie of San Francisco sprung a surprise on city officials and rival bidders when tenders on the Manoa improvement project were opened at noon today in the clerk's office at the city hall.

Ritchie's bid was \$187,633.31 for the whole job, and \$183,988.51 for all except the grading and paving of Manoa road from its makai boundary to the junction with East Manoa road.

The Bitulthic Paving Company, Ltd., J. A. Gilman president and manager, bid only on Proposal No. 3, which is for the Manoa road portion alone, this bid being \$4073.60 and including grading and paving.

Lord-Young Engineering Company bid on Proposal No. 2 at \$191,856, which includes all the job excepting the grading and paving of the Manoa road as stated above.

All three of the bids will be taken up for consideration tonight at a special meeting of the city supervisors.

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Canada's Great Parliament House Burned Last Night; Man Who Directed Fire-Fighting and Dominion Premier



Two views of the House of Parliament, at Ottawa, one of Canada's most imposing edifices. Above is shown the government group and a view of Ottawa, with a cross above the burned structure. Below is a striking view of this handsome building. The two figures are those of Sir Sam Hughes (above), the Canadian minister of militia, who organized the work of fire-fighting and policing, and Premier Robert L. Borden (below).

DOUBLE TRACKS ON KING STREET SURE THIS YEAR

Ballentyne Tells City Engineer
That Directors Have Au-
thorized Improvement

King street will be double tracked by the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company some time this year. News of a resolution of the board of directors of the transit company to this effect came out in a statement made by City Engineer Collins at last night's meeting of the board of supervisors. The matter came up in connection with the proposed narrowing of Beretania street. A letter from C. G. Ballentyne, manager of the traction company, to City Engineer Collins was incorporated in the engineer's report on the matter. In the letter it was stated that the work has already been authorized by the directors and would be commenced some time during the present year.

As a consequence of this additional tracking a great amount of traffic will be diverted from King street to Beretania street, especially when the latter is paved, is the engineer's conclusion. Labeled "Poor Economy" The saving in cost of paving to be effected by moving the curbs would be only about \$8000 and this was declared by the engineer to be poor economy.

A traffic study by Fred Ohrt, assistant city engineer, shows that 62 per cent of the traffic on King street, Ewa of the junction, continued on the same road and but 32 per cent turned down Kalakaua avenue.

His report on the situation declares that when King street is double-tracked the clearance between the street-car running boards and the curb will be such that owners of machines driving to and from town could not pass a standing street car and comply with the traffic ordinance requiring a clearance of eight feet. This would mean that a great part of the traffic would be diverted to Beretania street as soon as it is put in condition.

POPE'S ENVOY IS GIVEN RISING SUN DECORATION

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 4.—The envoy of His Holiness Pope Benedict XV was today decorated with the First Order of the Rising Sun by Emperor Yoshihito. This decoration was given in honor of the work that had been done for peace by the papal delegate.

OTTAWA POLICE NOW BELIEVE FIRE DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.)
OTTAWA, Ontario, Feb. 4.—There will be a rigid and thorough investigation of the disastrous fire which last night destroyed the Canadian House of Parliament and cost the lives of at least five persons. Today, after what examination could be made the police rejected the theory that a bomb or infernal machine had started the fire. They now believe that it was due to natural causes. Two women and three men are known to be dead and others are missing. Among the missing is B. B. Law, a member of the Canadian Parliament. The valuable library was saved by hard work. The central, which is the main, portion of the great building, including the magnificent towers, was destroyed. Both wings were saved.

Some years ago the department of the interior section of the Ottawa parliament building was completely burned out, but so substantial were the dividing walls between sections the fire did not break into any other one.

MANY WOMEN DIE IN FATAL FIRES OF TWO CITIES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Fire today destroyed the home of the widow of Casimir Tag, president of the German savings bank. The widow was saved from death, but her daughters, Caroline, Helen and Hannah Shavley, a cousin, a nurse and two servants, perished. The daughter Caroline saved her mother.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 4.—Three women and two men perished and eight others were injured today in a fire which destroyed the Overbrook hotel. A large crowd, helpless to take any rescue measures, saw a woman burn to death in a high window. Several are missing, various counts making the number from two to six.

SHINGKING OFFERED AS BRIBE IF JAPAN APPROVED MONARCHY

Yuan Shih-Kai will give the province of Shingking to Japan if Japan will recognize Yuan Shih-Kai as emperor.

This is the news that was published in the Chinese Times of Shanghai, which reached Honolulu today. The province of Shingking adjoins Korea, and Mukden is the capital city. It stated that the attitude of Yuan Shih-Kai in making this offer was not appreciated by the people of this province.

CARRANZA MEN WANT GOLD, NOT PRETTY PAPER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
DOUGLAS, Ariz., Feb. 4.—Every official in the Nogales, Sonora, customs service has notified the Carranza government that they will resign unless their salaries are paid in gold. Heretofore they have been receiving pay in Constitutional paper money, which is worth three cents on the dollar.

MONGOLIANS TO TRY TO CAPTURE CITY OF MUKDEN

(Special Cable to Liberty News)
SHANGHAI, Feb. 4.—Mongolian troops have decided to make their base at Mukden, and will make an attack on this place at once. The plan as arranged will be to attack Peking from two points, one through the Great Wall, and the other through Mukden. The Mongolian troops are under the command of a Manchurian general. Lhama, the head of the revolution in Mongolia, has decided to increase his force that he may make a direct attack on Peking by way of the Mukden and Peking railroad. The Mongolians and Manchus are opposing the policies of Yuan Shih-Kai, and the

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today.	Yester.
Alaska Gold	22 1/2	23 1/2
American Smelter	99 1/2	101 1/2
American Sug. Rfg.	113 1/2	113 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	126 1/2	127
Atchafalca	103	104
Baldwin Loco.	110 1/4	112 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	88	89 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	450 bid	473 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	30 3/4	32
Canadian Pacific	168	171 1/4
C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	96 3/4	98 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	44	45 1/2
Crucible Steel	84 1/2	86 1/2
Erie Common	37 1/2	38 1/2
General Electric	171	171
General Motors	450 1/4 bid	450 bid
Great Northern Pfd.	121 1/4	122 1/4
Intern. Harv. N. J.	110 1/2	110 1/2
New York Central	106	106 1/2
Pennsylvania	55 1/2	57 1/2
Reading Pacific	98 1/2	100 1/2
Studebaker	149	151 1/2
Tennessee Copper	55 1/2	57 1/2
Union Pacific	132 1/2	134
U. S. Steel	82 1/2	84 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	118	118 1/2
Western Union	88	88 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	65 1/2	67 1/2

PUBLIC LANDS BUT NO MONEY FOR BIG PARKS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—The National Park bill has been reported on favorably by the committee having it for consideration, but carries no appropriation with it. Only public lands will be set aside, these being on Haleakala, Maunaloa and Kilauea. I am sending a copy of the bill.

Governor Pinkham received the foregoing cable message this morning from Delegate J. K. Kalaniana'ole. Commenting on the message, Superintendent Charles R. Forbes, recently returned from Washington, says that it is no surprise to him. In the Star-Bulletin last Tuesday the superintendent was quoted as saying that the bill probably will pass if the appropriation is not included.

Nationalists expect great help from the soldiers of the north. A prominent Chinese in Singapore raised \$17,000,000 among the Chinese of that city, which has been sent to the Republican capital at Yunnan-Fu. Yuan Shih-Kai sent his advisor, Chai Tien Kai, to Hongkong to prevent the funds from being sent to the rebels, but the money was forwarded through a French bank.

AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION BERLIN WON'T ADMIT SINKING OF BIG CUNARD SHIP ILLEGAL

Limit of Concessions Appears to Have
Been Reached—President Informed
of Situation While On Special
Train

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 4.—Information reaching the Associated Press from authoritative sources here indicates that under no circumstances will Germany admit that the sinking of the Cunard liner Lusitania by a German submarine last May was illegal.

The latest instructions forwarded to Ambassador von Bernstorff, according to the information received by the Associated Press, contain simply one phase of a new formulation of the proposed German note of regret. The suggested sentence of this new draft consists of only eight words, and does not contain the word "illegal."

This new draft of the German note of regret represents the limit of Germany's concessions in the Lusitania case. Because of the demands made by the American notes, which insist that Germany shall admit the sinking of the liner was illegal, the situation is viewed here as one of the most serious crises of the war. It is impossible to foresee the outcome. The result appears to hinge on its insistence that the German reparations recognize the violation of international law.

The Associated Press is also informed positively and authoritatively that Germany cannot and will not designate as "illegal" the sinking of a liner by any submarine.

Herr Alfred Zimmermann, under secretary for foreign affairs in the German cabinet, has granted an interview to the Associated Press correspondent in which he says:

"Germany is willing to do everything in its power to meet American wishes, but there are limits beyond which even friendship snaps. You must not push your demands too far nor attempt to humiliate Germany."

He asserted that if America drives the matter to a breach, with all its lamentable consequences, they must come.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—President Wilson today was handed the news of the latest developments in the Lusitania case, while he was on his special train en route to Washington, closing his speech-making tour on behalf of national defense. The president did not comment upon the news but members of his party regarded the situation as unfavorable.

British Demand Return of the Appam

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, today presented at the state department a formal demand for the return of the British liner Appam to the British owners. A new diplomatic controversy is foreshadowed, as the United States has practically decided that the steamer belongs to Germany as a prize of war, having been captured by a German naval vessel and brought across the Atlantic with a German prize crew aboard.

Austrian Airmen Bombard Durazzo

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"The Austro-Hungarian admiralty reports that Durazzo, Albania, was attacked by five Austrian aeroplanes on January 25, by two on January 27 and by three on February 1, the tents of the camp near the city being especially bombarded with destructive effect. All of the aeroplanes returned safely in spite of heavy fire from land batteries and warships."

"On February 2 Valona was shelled by three aeroplanes, one of which was hit twice in the motor and forced down to the sea. The commander of the squadron, Naval Lieutenant Konyovic, went down to the ocean to the assistance of the disabled plane. Although the sea was rough on account of a storm, he succeeded in taking over both officers from the damaged aeroplane, although batteries from Saseno opened a violent fire and although two destroyers approached at full speed. The aeroplane rose with the two rescued officers and returned safe after 220 kilometers travel over the gulf of Cattaro."

West Front Fighting Inconclusive

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 4.—There is continued and increasing activity of the Allies' artillery forces on the Franco-Belgian front, it is officially reported. An explosion of a British mine destroyed a crater which the Germans were occupying near Hulluch.

Inconclusive hand-grenade fighting is proceeding on the nearby front.

Artillery Fighting On West Front

PARIS, France, Feb. 4.—Artillery duels are in progress today along many parts of the western front, notably near Draunkopf, in the valley of the Fecht, and near Altmatt.

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DIET CASTS SUSPICIOUS EYE ON OKUMA'S BUDGET

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 4.—There has been much opposition to the budget as given out by the Okuma cabinet, and it is thought that the bill will have a hard fight before the House of Peers. Prince Yamagata, one of the elder statesmen, has been trying to persuade members of the house to pass the budget, but to date his efforts have been futile.

YUAN STOPS TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO KIANG SI

(Special Cable to Liberty News)
SHANGHAI, Feb. 4.—The Kiang Si and Shanghai telegraph line has been discontinued by Yuan Shih-Kai officials. It is thought that the move was made to keep news of the success of the Republican troops from the people of this city. It is known that Yuan Shih-Kai has recalled his sixth division from the province of Kiang-Si.